

**FINAL**

**VIRGINIA JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL RETREAT MINUTES**

October 7-8, 2002

**Approved February 14, 2003**

**Call To Order**

A retreat of the Virginia Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee (JJDPAC) was held on October 7-8, 2002 at the Brandermill Inn in Richmond.

Vice-Chair, Susan Laughrun presided and welcomed members. She requested Committee members and staff to formally introduce themselves.

Members present were: Susan Laughrun (Vice-Chair); Henry Azais; Pamela Fitzgerald Cooper, proxy for Dr. James S. Reinhard, Commissioner of the VA Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services; Guy Cousins; Lloyd Dunnavant; Lynette Greenfield, proxy for Jerrauld Jones, Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice; Terry Hawkins (former member); Iris B. Jessie; Jay Malcan; Ty Parr; Eric Penn (former member); Daniel Plaugher; Lissa Power-deFur, proxy for Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary, Superintendent of the Virginia Department of Education; Robert Shepherd, Jr.; Patrick Sweet; Wayne Thomas; and Justin Wilson.

Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) staff present were: Fran Ecker, Nancy Bacot, Aura Hanna, Brenda Lawson, and Laurel Marks.

Ms. Laughrun asked if there were any comments, additions, or deletions to be made to the minutes from June 16, 2002 meeting of the JJDPAC. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

The purpose of the retreat was to receive input from representatives of state agencies working with children, working for children, law enforcement, prosecutors and defense attorneys, whose perspectives are considered important in the preparation of the Advisory Committee's new three-year plan. Issues addressed by the presenters, as they pertained to the state of Virginia, included their role in the juvenile justice system or the service system for at-risk youth; the major juvenile crime problems and delinquency prevention needs; new needs arising from recent changes in legislation; and the fiscal, technical assistance and training issues, relating to the 14 standard program areas of the plan, as they applied to the population represented by the presenters.

**State Agency and Affected Constituents Reports:**

Tim Paul, Section Chief of the Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement Services Section  
of the Department of Criminal Justice Services

Fran Ecker, Section Chief of the Juvenile Services Section of the Department of Criminal  
Justice Services

Iris B. Jessie, Assistant City Manager, City of Norfolk, providing the local government

perspective

Susan Williams, Executive Director of the Commonwealths Attorneys Services Council

Richard Goehmann, Deputy Director of the Public Defenders Commission

Pamela Fitzgerald Cooper, proxy for Dr. James S. Reinhard, Commissioner of the VA  
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse  
Services

Steve Pullen, Chief of Operations for Financial Services, Department of Juvenile Justice

Lissa Power-deFur, Ph.D., proxy for Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary, Superintendent of the  
Virginia Department of Education

### **Subcommittee Membership**

Members were asked to sign up for subcommittees according to their preference.  
The subcommittees for 2002-2003 as of the date of the retreat are:

#### **Title II Grants Subcommittee**

Pamela Fitzgerald Cooper

Guy Cousins

Lynette Greenfield

Sue Laughrun

Patrick Sweet

#### **Title V Grants Subcommittee (Delinquency Prevention)**

Hank Azais

Lloyd Dunnavant

Iris Jessie

Ty Parr

Lissa Power deFur

Wayne Thomas

Justin Wilson

#### **Government Relations Subcommittee**

Guy Cousins

Lloyd Dunnavant (if needed)

Ty Parr

Daniel Plaugher

Bob Shepherd

Members who did not attend will be requested to add their subcommittee  
preferences so that all members have the opportunity to participate.

### **Overview of Juvenile Justice Trend Data**

Aura Hanna presented information on data trends in Virginia's juvenile justice system. The problematic areas identified were increases in the numbers of very young offenders, increases in the numbers of children brought to intake for truancy, disproportionate minority representation, increased numbers of children confined in secure detention facilities, and large numbers of juveniles confined for technical violations.

A report was distributed to members describing the data presented, "Recent Data Patterns and Activities in Virginia's Juvenile Justice System".

A new Fact Sheet produced by the Juvenile Services Section, *Reducing Minority Overrepresentation in Virginia's Juvenile Justice System*, was also distributed to members.

## **Overview of Grant Programs and Establishment of 2002 Grant Process and Priorities**

### **Use of subcommittee vs. full committee for concept paper review**

Wayne Thomas made a motion that the grants subcommittees be empowered, after a review of the concept papers received, to make decisions on behalf of the full committee about which localities will be invited to submit full grant applications. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Review by subcommittee of application summaries or full applications (continuation applications)**

Lissa Power deFur made a motion that staff distribute summaries of the continuation applications to all members, including subcommittee members, rather than distributing full continuation grant applications to subcommittee members for review. The motion was amended to recognize that the full grant applications would be available upon request to any advisory committee member. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Title II overview and determination of Title II grant priority areas**

Jay Malcan made a motion to continue the Young Juvenile Offender initiative as a priority for Title II funding for the upcoming year. The target population will be expanded to include those with multiple dispositions, not just first time offenders. Also, these funds can now be used to assess, but not provide treatment or any services other than the initial assessment, to the siblings of those young juvenile offenders falling in the target population. Additionally, a supplement will be available to those current Young Juvenile Offender grantees in order to serve those young offenders with multiple dispositions, and to allow the assessment of siblings. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Fitzgerald Cooper made a motion to continue to make funding available to localities and not state agencies. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Title V overview and determination of Title V grant priority areas**

Ty Parr made a motion to continue to allow localities to determine their priority areas for the type of program they want to implement. The Title V Application Kit will include a few proven model programs to assist localities who may otherwise have difficulty finding a model program; however, if a locality wants to submit a different program that has been evaluated that better meets their local needs, they may do so. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Determination of Challenge activity areas**

A motion was made to focus this year on mental health, truancy, and disproportionate minority representation in the juvenile justice system. Since the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition also made the mental health needs of juveniles in the juvenile justice system a priority for JAIBG funds, program staff will meet with Pamela Fitzgerald Cooper to determine what grant program is most appropriate for that

area. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Susan Laughrun mentioned the names of several board members whose terms have expired. Those members include: Colleen Killilea; Terry Hawkins; Eric Penn; Kevin Funk; Richard Johnson; Jessica Johnson; and Gwen Beattie. A motion was made to ask the staff to prepare a letter of appreciation to all the board members who will not be returning. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

The Advisory Committee adjourned at 1:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2003.

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Recorder